

its course, or even strengthen the root and widen the sweep of the noble elm. If the one grain never bursts into the fulness and increase of the harvest, it may nurture the lark that greets the dawn and cheers the morning with his song. What if this little book should quicken the rootlet or nourish the fibre of some majestic tree whose leaf doth not wither, and whose fruit cometh forth in his season? What if this little book should bring light to some mind and joy to some soul that, on renewed pinion, shall swell the chorus rising with the advancing splendors of the Sun of Righteousness? Would it not be reward enough? Would it not be the supreme satisfaction enjoyed by humble souls guided by the Spirit of God onward in truth?

The Author has earnestly sought the guidance of which he writes; and in faith in God in the comfort of the Spirit through the merit of the Blood, offers an imperfect work to those that are obeying the command, "Be perfect," and are truly "perfecting holiness in the fear of God;" and to all that are seeking like blessed estate, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before; pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Without a disposition to claim lofty relationships,